

Subject: RE: Reporters writing about research grant  
From: "Schnabl, Bernd" <beschnabl@ucsd.edu>  
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CC: Brad Racino <bradracino@inewssource.org>

Hello,

Thank you for your email. I'm a federal employee at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. According to VA policy, media requests have to go to the VA Public Affairs Office. The contact information is:

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Best regards,

Bernd

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**From:** Jill Castellano [jillcastellano@inewssource.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2019 09:56  
**To:** Schnabl, Bernd  
**Cc:** Brad Racino  
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Hi Dr. Schnabl,

My name is Jill Castellano and I'm a journalist with inewssource. My colleague Brad Racino (cc'd here) and I are writing about a study conducted at the San Diego VA that involved taking liver biopsies from patients. We learned that after the principle investigator, Dr. Samuel Ho, retired, you took over the study. We're hoping to speak with you to clarify some discrepancies we've seen between reports from the Office of the Medical Inspector, the October 2018 VA IRB review and Dr. Ramon Bataller's recollection of the project.

Would you have some time to chat over the next few days? You can reach me at 914-629-1750.

Sincerely,  
Jill Castellano

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